



**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

MARCH 2, 2015

**CITY OF LYNCHBURG
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
900 CHURCH STREET
LYNCHBURG, VA 24504
(434) 455- 3916**

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Lynchburg.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 23, 2015 the City of Lynchburg will submit a request to the HUD Virginia Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Tinbridge Hill Sidewalk, for the purpose of constructing sidewalks and stormwater infrastructure to provide safe pedestrian pathways for the residents of Tinbridge Hill neighborhood in Lynchburg, VA. CDBG Program funding is in the amount of \$409,850.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lynchburg has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Grants Administration Office, 2nd Floor, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA and may be reviewed weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional copies will be available for review on the City of Lynchburg Grants Administration website at <http://www.lynchburgva.gov/grants>, the Lynchburg Public Library located at 2315 Memorial Avenue and the Downtown Branch Library at 900 Church Street.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Grants Administration Office, 2nd Floor, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA, 24504. All comments received by March 23, 2015 will be considered by the City of Lynchburg prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lynchburg certifies to HUD that L. Kimball Payne, III in his capacity as City Manager of the City of Lynchburg consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Lynchburg to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Lynchburg's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Lynchburg; (b) the City of Lynchburg has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, 600 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-1800, Attention: Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Sr., Director, Community Planning and Development Division. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4833, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

L. Kimball Payne, III, City Manager, City of Lynchburg